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Province Invests In New Drinking Water System In Hornepayne - #27064

McGuinty Government On The Side of Northerners

SUDBURY – The McGuinty government is improving the quality and accessibility of drinking water for families in the Township of Hornepayne, Northern Development and Mines Minister Rick Bartolucci announced today.

“Modern infrastructure is the foundation upon which all communities are built and enabled to grow and prosper,” said Bartolucci. “Our government is committed to supporting the necessary infrastructure upgrades that will improve the quality of life in our northern communities.”

The Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) will provide an additional \$384,121 to upgrade the Hornepayne water system to comply with the Drinking Water Systems Regulation. As part of the project, the township will now draw its water from Moonlight Lake. The new water treatment plant will include a raw water pumping station and a raw water transmission main that will improve the water quality for approximately 500 households. Earlier this year, the province announced an NOHFC investment of \$1,398,551 in this project.

“Clean drinking water is an essential part of maintaining the health and well-being of families in communities across Northern Ontario,” said Bartolucci, who also chairs the NOHFC. “By improving the quality of water in this community we are investing in a healthier future for everyone.”

Other ways the McGuinty government is improving access to quality drinking water in the North include:

- Hiring 33 new full-time water inspectors, investigators and other compliance staff province-wide to improve monitoring of water quality issues in our communities
- Investing to date, over \$33 million through the NOHFC in water system upgrades to ensure quality drinking water across Northern Ontario.

These initiatives are part of the government's Northern Prosperity Plan for building stronger northern communities. The Northern Prosperity Plan has four pillars: Strengthening the North and its Communities; Listening to and Serving Northerners Better; Competing Globally; and Providing

Opportunities for All. Since 2003, investments in infrastructure, postsecondary education, research and innovation and key economic sectors have helped strengthen Ontario's economic foundations and continue to build opportunity.

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